

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claim 3 has been added.

1. (currently amended) A digital-audio-signal recording apparatus, comprising:
a storage section storing digital audio data;
a write section that writes data on a disk-shaped storage medium; and
a control section that, when a write operation is to be performed by said write
section for writing the digital audio data, stored on said storage section, to the disk-
shaped medium, first performs control, without erasing file management information on
said storage section, such that the digital audio data stored on said storage section can
not be accessed by any [[other]] operation other than said write operation, then causes
said write section to write the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium, and
then erases the digital audio data from said storage section after completion of the
writing of the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium.

2. (currently amended) A digital-audio-signal recording apparatus, comprising:
a storage section storing digital audio data, said storage section also storing first
information for managing presence of the digital audio data and second information for
limiting access to the digital audio data;
a write section that writes data on a disk-shaped storage medium; and
a control section that, when a write operation is to be performed by said write
section for writing the digital audio data, stored on said storage medium, to the disk
shaped storage medium, first rewrites, without erasing file management information on
said storage section, said second information into content such that the digital audio
data stored on the storage section can not be accessed by any [[other]] operation other

than said write operation, then causes said write section to write the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium, and [[then]], after completion of the writing to the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium, rewrites said first information into content such that the presence of the digital audio data is invalidated.

3. (new) A digital-audio-signal recording apparatus, comprising:
 - a storage section storing digital audio data;
 - a write section that writes data on a disk-shaped storage medium;
 - a control section that, when a write operation is to be performed by said write section for writing the digital audio data, stored on said storage section, to the disk-shaped medium, first sets an erasure state flag within file management information to an erased state without erasing the file management information on said storage section, such that the digital audio data stored on said storage section can not be accessed by any operation other than said write operation, then causes said write section to write the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium, and then erases the digital audio data from said storage section after completion of the writing of the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium.